



Empowering People to Change the World

**A Kingdom of God Revolution
in Colorado Springs**

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The Road Less Traveled

Week 3

The Vision and Mission of The Road

Imagine Colorado Springs and El Paso County as God meant it to be:

- Imagine a city where the very feeling in the atmosphere is righteousness, peace, and joy!
- Imagine a city where people celebrate life, think creatively, and dream imaginatively!
- Imagine a place where you would feel safe on any city street at night.
- Imagine a city with doctors, hospitals, and clinics that have the conviction that every life is protected and fought for—whether born or unborn.
- Imagine a city where there is hope in the schools because the kids are excited about their future and desire to dream dreams of changing the world.
- Imagine a place where there is prosperity throughout every sphere of influence—whether it's media, government, healthcare, education, business, military, church, or family.
- Imagine people in El Paso County, loving what they do, and they can't wait to bring the Kingdom of God into their work and family.
- Imagine Colorado Springs being a model city to the rest of the nation.
- Imagine a city where the community works together on issues and problems with the goal of prosperity for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, or socio-economic background.
- Imagine Colorado Springs and El Paso County starting to look a lot like Zechariah's vision.

Zechariah's Vision: "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'Once again men and women of ripe old age will sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each of them with cane in hand because of their age. The city streets will be filled with boys and girls playing there'" (Zechariah 8:4-5 [New International Version]).

- And Jeremiah's vision,

Jeremiah's Vision: "This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: 'Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper'" (Jeremiah 29:4-7).

- **God's blessing upon a people who will diligently follow Him.**

"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God:

"Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the country.

"Blessed *shall be* the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks...

"Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out.

"The Lord will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow'" (Deuteronomy 28:1-12 [New King James Version]).

Our Vision: A Kingdom of God Revolution in the Rockies.

Our Mission: Empowering People to Change the World.

God longs to bless His people if they will obey Him. We desperately need a Kingdom of God Revolution.

- Our vision is too small. We desperately need a Kingdom of God Revolution in our nation.

- But our nation is right here! In Colorado Springs. Don't worry about what you can't change.
- There is very little we can do about what happens in Washington DC, but we can make an impact right now, right here, in Colorado Springs!
- I challenge you this morning with the vision of a Kingdom of God Revolution right here, right now, starting at The Road!

Jesus Launched a Kingdom of God Revolution

Matthew 4:17-25,

“From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son of* Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.”

- I was in prayer with a group of pastors a few years ago, and I believe God gave me a strategic plan, a Kingdom Revolution blueprint for our city.
- God said to me we must not be satisfied with just a revival in our city. God wants to build a *Kingdom of God Revolution* through a move of His Spirit that begins with revival that leads to reformation.

Repentance + Revival + Reformation + Church = Revolution

Verse 17, “From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

Repentance means a *change of our mind*. It means to go in a new direction from where we were going.

- This begins in your marriage, family, and our leadership team: it takes courage to repent. If you are holding onto ANY animosity toward someone you are quenching the Holy Spirit!

Verses 18-22, “And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

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Revival happens when we choose to become disciples of Jesus. Not just believers in Jesus but disciples of Jesus.

- When enough people choose to be disciplined disciples, visitations of God wherein the Holy Spirit quickens or accelerates His work in a particular locale, Acts 2.
- As I see it revival is short-lived by its very nature. It stimulates, lights the spark as it were.

Reformation happens when enough people in leadership positions desire to be Jesus disciples and lead reforms that impact every facet of a society.

- Martin Luther in the 16th century ushered in a theological and ecclesiological reformation.
- In the 17th century the Pilgrims launched a reformation by coming to America and founding our nation.
- In the 18th century our Founding Fathers, many of whom were strong Christians signed the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution.

- William Wilberforce in the 19th century brought a legal and moral reformation by taking down the slave trade in England.
- In the 20th century:
 - Billy Graham was used by God evangelistically and governmentally.
 - God mightily used Bill Bright to launch a mighty move of God on university campuses.
 - The healing movements in the Pentecostal Church.
- The Charismatic Movement starting in 1962; The Jesus Movement starting in 1969; The Vineyard Movement in 1980.
- Mighty church planting movements in Africa, South America, Latin America, Korea, China, and India.

Revolution (Websters): A sudden, extreme, or complete change in the way people live, and work.

- **The Kingdom of God is the reign and rule of God over a domain.**
- **King—dom. A king over a domain. God reigning over a domain.**

A Kingdom of God Revolution is an Ongoing Move of God through the People of God that Revolutionizes all of Society with the Proclamation and Demonstration of the Kingdom of God and sets into place New Values that bring Glory to God.

- America had this vision in the beginning but we lost it. The Puritans and Pilgrims saw our nation as a *light on a hill, the new Jerusalem*.
- Colorado Springs can be a model city!

We need a vision for a *100-year Revolutionary Kingdom Movement*. A vision and kingdom strategy that is for the next hundred years that would work toward, plan for, build with a long-term strategic plan for Kingdom of God Revolution in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and America.

Jesus Commissioned all of us to Make Disciples that would Make Disciples, that would Make Disciples

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age’” Amen. (Matthew 28:18-20).

- Jesus Plan A is that it would come through the local church where individuals, families, and the community are being discipled and men, women, and children are accountable to God.
- Our Strategic Plan comes from the Gospels and our Tactical Plan comes from the book of Acts.

Examples in Acts: Jerusalem Church → Antioch Church → Asia minor with churches being planted → Rome → Spain → North Africa → Silk Road toward and into India → Celts in Ireland and Scotland → British Isles and Anglo Saxons → Franks → tribes in Europe → came to America.

A Kingdom of God Revolution is The Road.

The Road: Word Rooted, Spiritually Alive, and Culturally Engaged

What does such a Kingdom Revolution look like?

Jesus is our model of a kingdom pattern.

“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom...”

1. Proclamation of the Kingdom of God

- The message of the Kingdom of God is going out.
- In our lives first, then our marriages and families.
- Every Sunday, VBS, Springs Initiative, with our youth and children...

“...and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.”

2. Demonstration of the Kingdom of God

- Jesus builds His revolution with disciples who will become leaders.
- It begins with us as *kingdom carriers* of the virus.

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3. Acceleration of the Kingdom of God

- Proclamation and demonstration; word and deed.
- Lives are being changed—body, soul, and spirit. Jesus Kingdom Revolution Mission is Luke 4:18-20.
- Cities are being touched and transformed by the Kingdom.
- All aspects of society being touched.
- An atmosphere of the Kingdom over our city and the Rockies!
- Equipping *kingdom disciples* to go into the city.
- We are called to be “priests and kings.” Priesthood and kingship of every believer.

“And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever” Amen. (Revelation 1:6 [King James Version]).

We are not in a full *open heaven* over our church and city but rather in the embryonic stages of an *opening heaven* that is not completely open but is opening with signs and wonders. We might say we are in an opening heaven.

With an opening heaven at The Road, we are living in a *presence kingdom church*.

The present tense kingdom is what I would call it. It's that mighty work of the Holy Spirit currently at work.